7. order to promote reforms, a new draft central legislation which obviates the need for separate enactments for the States, is being considered. The Draft Bill submitted by the NCAER would form the basis for a national debate and a consensus on the contents of the new Bill. The States would be sending their detailed comments on mis draft Bill, to the Ministry of Power at the earliest.

Requirement of Power for Industries and Agriculture

2242. SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state what is the total requirement of power to meet the demand of industries and agriculture in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (**SHRIMATI** JAYAWANTI MEHTA): The actual energy consumption and estimated energy consumption in the country in accordance with the 15th Electric Power Survey Committee (EPS) report of Industrial and Agricultural sectors (utilities only) during the following three years are as given below:

Year	Industry (MU)		Agriculture (MU)	
	Actual	15th EPS	Actual	15th EPS
1995-96	104693.13	118827.37	85732.15	79689.97
1996-97	104164.65	127738.37	84018.95	84531.76
1997-98	106003.98	136907.24	91276.93*	89418.41

*Provisional

The actual consumption figures are actual met under restricted conditions whereas, the estimated figures correspond to unrestricted conditions.

Electrification of Villages under Rural Electrification Programme

2243. SHRI SANATAN BISI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) by when cent percent Rural Electrification Programme would be achieved; and

(b) the number of villages where electrification completed till the end of 1999, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) The identification of villages and priorities for the electrification is determined and decided by State Electricity Boards / State Power Utilities. Further, the progress in rural electrification is a continuous